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Practitioner's Docket No. SST/3635

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Leek, William F.

Application No.: 09/729,491

Group No.: 3635

Filed: December 3, 2000

Examiner: Tran A, P.

For: Automatic Take-up Device with Internal Spring

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:

i. Payment of the issue fee

Prior to payment of issue fee.

ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith are:

An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. Section 1.98)

Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)

Other: Formal Drawings

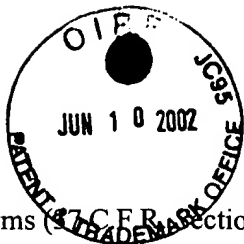
Number of sheets of drawings 13.

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of:

Other than a small entity

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: \$740



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FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

| | | | | | | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY | |
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| (Col. 1) | | (Col. 2) | | (Col. 3) | | | |
| Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest No. Previously Paid For | | Present Extra | | Rate | Addit. Fee |
| Total | 20 | Minus | 20 | = 0 | | x \$18 = | \$0 |
| Indep. | 1 | Minus | 3 | = 0 | | x \$84 = | \$0 |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim | | | | | | + \$280 = | \$0 |
| Total | | | | | | Addit. Fee | \$0 |

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- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3,
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- The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

No additional fee for claims is required.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

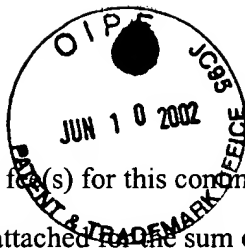
TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

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| Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e)) | <u>\$740.00</u> |
| Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d)) | <u>\$0.00</u> |
| Total Fee(s) Due: | \$740.00 |

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

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8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

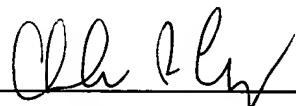
Check is attached for the sum of \$740.00. (Check no. 8567)

Please charge any required additional fee(s) for Section 1.17(e), Section 1.16(b)-(d) and/or Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to Account 03-4075.

INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

Date: June 10, 2002


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